

Your Community's Name Here

Certified Business-Friendly

What is the Certified Business-Friendly Community Program?

The Certified Business-Friendly Community Program is an effort to encourage business development and growth in communities throughout Maine. An important part of showing that Maine is *Open for Business* is recognizing communities that provide exceptional service and streamlined regulatory processes for business owners. The Certified Business-Friendly Community Program seeks to identify, recognize and promote communities that show a true commitment to business development.

What does it mean to be a Certified Business Friendly Community?

Certified Business-Friendly Communities will receive:

- An award of certification
- Two "Certified Business-Friendly" signs
- Recognition on the State of Maine DECD Website

Certified Business-Friendly Communities can utilize the "Certified Business-Friendly" logo on official community correspondence. Certified Business-Friendly Communities, who are eligible to apply for State-administered Community Development Block Grant Funds, will be eligible for three bonus points in the Economic Development, Downtown Revitalization and MicroEnterprise Assistance Programs.

How to apply:

The 2017 Certified Business-Friendly Program, including the application and due dates, are in the process of being updated and finalized. Once completed, these documents will be made available on the CBFC website.

For more information about this program and how you can become a Certified Business-Friendly Community contact:

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